

**CITY OF LAREDO
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

A-2018-R-13

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1110 HOUSTON STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040**

August 20, 2018

5:30 P.M.



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I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. MOMENT OF SILENCE

IV. ROLL CALL

V. MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of August 6, 2018.

Citizen comments

Citizens are required to fill out a witness card and submit it to the City Secretary no later than 5:45 p.m. and identify themselves at the microphone. Comments are limited to three (3) minutes per speaker. No more than three (3) persons will be allowed to speak on any side of an issue. Should there be more than three (3) people who wish to speak on a particular issue, they need to select not more than three (3) representatives to speak for them and the presiding officer may limit the public comments further in the interest of an orderly meeting. Speakers may not pass their minutes to any other speaker. Comments should be relevant to City business and delivered in a professional manner. No derogatory remarks will be permitted.

VI. VETERAN RECOGNITION

- a. Honoring Veteran Henry Hector Boubel for his service as a member of the United States Naval Service and recognizing his distinguished service to our Country.

VII. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Presentation by Streets of Laredo Mall, Inc., DBA Laredo Main Street on the 20th Annual UETA Jamboozie Festival to be held on Saturday, September 8, 2018 in downtown Laredo.
2. Presentation by Workforce Solutions and an invitation to the Youth Career Exploration Event.
3. Presentation by Miss Laredo USA 2018 Katherine O'Conner and Miss Laredo Teen USA 2018 Anissa Mendez on their upcoming state competitions representing Laredo.

VIII. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

1. Appointment by Council Member Vidal Rodriguez to replace Cristobal Rodriguez on the Ethics Commission.
2. Appointment by Mayor Pro-Tempore Charlie San Miguel of Ms. Maribel Garcia to the Laredo Commission for Women.

IX. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. **First Public Hearing** for the adoption of a tax rate \$0.634000 per \$100 value for Tax Year 2018. The tax rate will provide revenue for the general fund and debt service. The rate includes \$0.488732 per \$100 value for Maintenance and Operation and \$0.145268 per \$100 value for Sinking Fund of the Debt Service and is estimated to generate a tax levy of \$88,778,983. The City Council will introduce the ordinance on September 4, 2018 at 5:30 PM at City Council Chambers located at 1110 Houston St. and is scheduled to vote on the tax rate on September 17, 2018 at 5:30 PM at City Council Chambers located at 1110 Houston St.

2. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending Chapter 15, of the Code of Ordinances by repealing Article VII regarding the rules for on-site sewage disposal facilities and replacing with a new Article VII, on-site sewage disposal, to ensure the on-site sewage disposal program is consistent with the current Texas Commission on Environmental Quality rules; providing a cumulative and repealer clause; providing a severability clause; providing for publication; and declaring an effective date.

3. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lots 5 and 6, Block 1626, Eastern Division, located at 2719 and 2721 Jaime Zapata Memorial Highway, from R-2 (Multi-Family Residential District) to B-1 (Limited Business District).

Staff does not support the application and the Planning & Zoning Commission recommends approval of the Zone Change.

ZC-69-2018 District II

4. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing a Conditional Use Permit for a bar on Lot 2A, Block 2, Lago Del Mar Subdivision, Unit VII, located at 2511 E Del Mar Blvd., Suite 2; providing for publication and effective date.

Staff does not support the application and Planning & Zoning Commission recommends approval of the Conditional Use Permit.

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District V**

5. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 4A, Block 1, Vista Hermosa Subdivision, Unit III, located at 5507 McPherson Rd., from B-3 (Community Business District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District); providing for publication and effective date.

Staff does not support the application and Planning & Zoning Commission recommended denial of the zone change. **Therefore the applicant has since exercised the right to appeal this decision directly to City Council.**

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District V**

**(Recess)
(Press Availability)**

X. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

6. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease agreement with the State of Texas acting by and through the Texas Military Department, as LESSEE, and the City of Laredo, as LESSOR, for the approximately 12,000 square feet constituting Hangar No. 1309 (W) located at 4207 N. Jarvis, at the Laredo International Airport. Lease term is for one (1) year commencing on September 1, 2018 and ending on August 31, 2019. This lease shall automatically be renewed from year to year until August 31, 2021. Monthly rent shall be \$12,000.00.
7. Authorizing the City Manager to approve a sublease for a portion of leased premises, between the City of Laredo as LESSOR and 4G Investments, LLC as LESSEE, for approximately 21,777 s.f. located at 4605 Maher Street at the Laredo International Airport to Petrom Corp., as SUBLESSEE, said lease provides for right to sublease subject to City approval, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. Sub-lease term is for 2 years until May 31, 2020. All other terms and conditions remain unchanged and in effect.

XI. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

8. **2018-O-111** Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Laredo, Chapter 19, motor vehicles and traffic, Article VIII, stopping, standing or parking, by specifically adding Subsection 19-364 (25) which establishes a section of the east side of Main St., from Matamoros to Zaragoza St. as a "No Parking /Tow-Away" zone, providing for severability, effective date and publication.

9. **2018-O-113** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by repealing Ordinance No. 2018-O-017 and authorizing a Special Use Permit for Townhouses on Lot 1, Block 1, Hilltop Subdivision, Phase 1, located at 7406 Hilltop Rd; providing for publication and effective date.

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10. **2018-O-114** An ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending Chapter 2, Article II, section 2-17, of the Code of Ordinances by incorporating the duties and responsibilities of the City Attorney into the Code of Ordinances; providing that the City Attorney shall report directly to the City Manager or Deputy City Manager; providing a severability clause; and declaring an effective date.

11. **2018-O-115** An ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending Chapter 12, Article II, sections 12-17 and 12-36, of the Code of Ordinances by providing that the Fire Chief shall report directly to the City Manager or Deputy City Manager; providing a repealer clause; providing a severability clause; and declaring an effective date.

12. **2018-O-116** An ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending Chapter 26, Article II, Division I, section 26-22, of the Code of Ordinances by providing that the Police Chief shall report directly to the City Manager or Deputy City Manager; providing a severability clause; and declaring an effective date.

13. **2018-O-117** Authorizing the City Manager to convey an easement and right of way to AEP Texas INC., located at, and to serve, the new blower building of the South Laredo Waste Water Treatment Plant Expansion, one (1) conveyance over a tract of land containing 0.09 acres, more or less, situated in Porcion 36, Webb County, Texas being out of a 84.794 acre tract conveyed to the City of Laredo, Texas, a municipality domiciled in Laredo, Webb County, Texas recorded in Vol. 709, pages 724-726, Webb County Deed Records, Webb County, Texas, as described in the easement

conveyance attached as Exhibit A; and providing for an effective date.
Transaction to be accounted for in the Fixed Assets System and Sewer Fund.

XII. CONSENT AGENDA

All of the following items may be acted upon by one motion. No separate discussion or action on any of the items is necessary unless desired by a Council Member.

XII (a) RESOLUTIONS

14. **2018-R-105** Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a non-financial agreement between the Laredo College - Adult Education & Literacy and the City of Laredo - Public Libraries to provide ESL (English as a Second Language), El Civics, and HSE (High School Equivalency) classes to improve literacy levels in surrounding communities.

15. **2018-R-110** Authorizing the City Manager to accept a grant in the amount of \$109,972.00 from the Texas Department of Transportation for enforcement of Comprehensive-Selective Traffic Enforcement Program. The grant period will begin October 1, 2018 and runs through September 30, 2019. This grant is for overtime salaries. The City of Laredo will be required to provide a match in the amount of \$35,191.04 for a total project amount of \$145,163.04. Funding will be available in the Special Police Fund for FY 2018-2019.

16. **2018-R-111** Authorizing the City Manager to accept a grant in the amount of \$89,971.00 from the Texas Department of Transportation for enforcement of Commercial Motor Vehicle Selective Traffic Enforcement Program. The grant period will begin October 1, 2018 and run through September 30, 2019. This grant is for overtime salaries. The City of Laredo will be required to provide a match in the amount of \$28,790.72 for a total project amount of \$118,761.72. Funding will be available in Special Police Fund FY 2018-2019.

17. **2018-R-113** Authorizing the City Manager to accept a grant award in the amount of \$637,768.00 from the Texas Auto Burglary & Theft Prevention Authority to fund the Laredo Auto Theft Task Force for the period of September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2019. This grant pays for salaries and supplies for the LPD Auto Theft Division. The grant requires a cash match in the amount of \$369,345.00 which is available in the General Fund for a total grant amount of \$1,007,113.00. Funding is available in the Auto Theft Task Force Fund.

18. **2018-R-114** Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application in the amount of \$13,114.70 to the Office of the Governor's Homeland Security Grants Division (HSGD) for the purpose of funding the State Homeland Security Program (SHSP)-Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activities (LETPA) Grant. This funding will be utilized to replace three x-ray machine laptops which are a vital component necessary in the prevention of terrorism events. No local match is required. Grant will be accounted for in the Special Police Fund.

19. **2018-R-116** Authorizing the City Manager to execute an Advanced Funding Agreement (AFA) no. CSJ-0922-33-177 with the Texas Department of Transportation for the design, engineering, and construction of a multi-use bicycle and pedestrian trail along the Rio Grande Vega (from Laredo College to Anna Park). The local match of \$179,475.00 is available in Environmental Operations Fund and Federal TAP funds will be provided to the City of Laredo in the amount of \$652,638.00 for a total amount of \$832,113.00.

20. **2018-R-117** Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application in the amount of \$72,748.00 from the Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance for funding the 2018 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program for the period of October 01, 2018 through September 30, 2021. The Bureau of Justice Assistance mandates that this grant be divided equally between the City of Laredo and Webb County, Sheriff's Office; \$36,374.00 will be allocated for the LPD Network Specialist and \$36,374.00 for Webb County Sheriff's Office operation enhancements. Funding will be available in Special Police Fund for FY 2018- 2019.

21. **2018-R-118** Ratifying the execution of the contract amendment from the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) in the amount of \$222,050.00 for a total amount of \$393,050.00 for the continuation of the City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD) Women's Health Preventive Health Services and Family Planning for the term period from September 1, 2017 through August 31, 2019.

22. **2018-R-119** Authorizing the City Manager to accept the continuation contract with Texas A&M International University (TAMIU) in the amount of \$293,796.00 for the *Sí Texas – Juntos For Better Health* Program. Funding is from Methodist Health Care Ministries through TAMIU, and will allow the City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD) to continue to provide early detection health care services for diabetes, chronic diseases and to integrate behavioral health screenings for the term period from August 1, 2018 through July 31, 2019.

XII (b) MOTIONS

23. Consideration for approval of the Muller Park Site Improvements as complete, release of retainage and approval of final payment in the amount of \$5,971.00 to Romo Contractor, LLC., Laredo, Texas. Final construction contract amount is \$59,710.00. Funding is available in the 2016 CO Bond.

24. Consideration for approval to award a professional services contract to Frank Architects, Inc., Laredo, Texas, for an amount not to exceed \$460,250.00 for design and preparation of plans and specifications for the City of Laredo Tennis Center Project located on the Texas A&M International University Campus and subject to the execution of a ground lease between the City and the Board of Regents for the Texas A&M University System. Design work is to be done on a fast track basis. Funding is available in the Sports and Community Venue.

25. Consideration to award a two (2) year depository contract extension to BBVA Compass Bank for banking services. Current depository contract includes an option for a two year extension. The contract will be extended for fiscal year 2019 and 2020 at an estimated cost of \$147,000.00. The cost of the contract will be allocated to the bank services fees account for various funds starting with fiscal year 2019.

26. Authorizing the City Manager to grant public firework permit for Uni-Trade Stadium located at 6320 Sinatra Pkwy. The display will take place on the evening of August 20, 2018. The technicians for the display will be Magic in the Sky.

27. Authorizing the City Manager to donate four (4) Ford Crown Victoria's to Laredo Independent School District (LISD) Police Department. The vehicles because of use and time and incompatibility have no value for the purpose for which they were originally intended and have fully depreciated. These vehicles will be used for law enforcement purposes by the donee to the extent usable. The City of Laredo Police Department donates the vehicles as is and does not assume any liability associated with their use after they have been transferred. The vehicles were purchased with the 2006 PPFCO Issue and the 2008 C.O. Bond.

28. Consideration to authorize the purchase of four (4) police units from Lake Country Chevrolet, Jasper, Texas in the amount of \$195,808.00. The purchase of these vehicles shall be made utilizing the Goodbuy Contract Pricing Program. The units will replace old SWAT vehicles that have reached the end of their service life. Funding is available in the 2017 Certificate of Obligation Issue.
29. Consideration to award contract FY18-069 to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, ROMO Contractors, Laredo, Texas, in the annual amount of \$103,000.00. This is a service contract to provide mowing and maintenance of the Zacate Creek area (from Canal St. through the mouth of the Rio Grande River). The term of this contract is for a two year period (24 months), subject to future appropriations, with the option to extend contract two (2) additional twelve (12) month periods upon mutual agreement of the parties. Funding is available in the Environmental Services Department budget.
30. Consideration to award contract FY18-082 for the purchase and installation of a sports lighting system to the lowest bidder, LED Electric & Lighting Contractors, Laredo, Texas in the total amount \$110,700.00. This lighting system will be installed at the soccer field located at the La Ladrillera Park at 1900 Pinder, Laredo, Texas. Estimated time for completion of this project is ninety (90) working days. Funding is available in the 2017 Community Development 43RD Action Year Grant.
31. Consideration to award annual service contract FY18-081 to sole bidder Test America Laboratories, North Canton, Ohio for an annual contract amount of \$350,000.00. This contract is to provide laboratory analytical services for water and wastewater samples in accordance to Texas Commission of Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) required standard methods. Sample testing is done on a daily, monthly, and quarterly basis. The term of this contract is for a one (1) year period and contract can be extended two (2) additional one year terms upon mutual agreement of the parties. All services shall be secured on an as needed basis. Funding is available in the Water and Wastewater Operation Funds.
32. Approving monthly adjustments to the tax roll. The amounts to be adjusted for the month of July 2018, represent a decrease of \$6,655.84. These adjustments are determined by the Webb County Appraisal District and by court orders.

33. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into and execute a Lease Program Contract with IPS GROUP, INC., San Diego, CA, for the use of nine (9) N5 mobile devices for the Traffic Department, Parking Division. This lease is through a National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance (NCPA) Contract, IPS GROUP lease agreement shall be for a thirty six (36) month period with an estimated lease contract total of \$53,100.00. This contract is contingent on continued appropriations in future fiscal years and funding for the lease purchase payments shall be available in Parking Enforcement Division budget.

34. Consideration to award contract to the top ranked consultant firm, Walker Consultants, Houston, TX in the amount of \$70,000.00 for the Downtown Parking Study (FY18-044). Study includes overall area study of the Central Business District bounded by IH-35 to the east, the Rio Grande River to the south, Main St. to the west, and Moctezuma Avenue to the north. Funding is available in Parking Enforcement Division's budget.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

XIII. STAFF REPORTS

35. Discussion with possible action on ongoing audits and/or irregularities identified by the Internal Auditor including the potential assignment of other and/or additional auditing duties; and any other matters incident thereto.

36. Presentation and possible action on the Kansas City Southern Railroad Quiet Zone Study as presented by Mr. Santiago Araque, P.E., consultant with Kimley Horn.

37. Staff report regarding the 2018 PONY Softball South Zone World Series Tournament that was hosted from July 17-21, 2018.

38. Presentation with discussion and possible action on negotiating employment contracts with appointed officials who are subject to confirmation by the City Council, and any other matters incident thereto.

39. Staff report regarding the City of Laredo New Year's Eve celebration planned for December 31, 2018.

40. Presentation by staff on financial impact regarding the cost of living adjustment and/or increasing the minimum wage to a living wage and any other budgetary related items requested during the Budget Workshop on August 13-15, 2018, with possible action.

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Council reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any posted agenda item when authorized by Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices), and/or 551.086 (Economic Development). Following closed session, the open meeting will reconvene at which time action, if any, may be taken.

XV. RECESS AS THE LAREDO CITY COUNCIL AND CONVENE AS THE LAREDO MASS TRANSIT BOARD

XVI. ADJOURN AS THE LAREDO MASS TRANSIT BOARD AND RECONVENE AS THE LAREDO CITY COUNCIL

41. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Request by Mayor Pete Saenz

1. Discussion with possible action on how to develop a City wide plan of action to address poverty issues given the recent study results by the Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative. **(Co-Sponsored by Council Member Nelly Vielma)**

B. Request by Council Member Alejandro "Alex" Perez

1. Discussion with possible action on the resurfacing of twenty five (25) streets in District III as previously identified by public works.

C. Request by Council Member Alberto Torres, Jr.

1. Discussion with possible action to define the duties and purpose of the Secondary Water Source Ad Hoc Committee, and renaming the committee as the City Utilities Advisory Commission and charging the Commission with additional tasks; and any other matters incident thereto.
2. Discussion with possible action to adopt a resolution in support of the Webb County Elections Administrator and the Department for the upcoming joint election; and any other matters incident thereto.
(Co-Sponsored by Council Member Roberto Balli)

D. Request by Council Member Nelly Vielma

1. Discussion with possible action to direct staff to order and install a traffic light at the intersection of Hillside and Bartlett Ave and any matters incident thereto.
2. Discussion with possible action on directing staff to go out on bids for construction of a metal shade structure for the basketball court and for the installation of lighting system for the walking trail and new soccer fields at the Bartlett Soccer Complex and any other matters incident thereto. District V Priority Funds will be used for these projects.

E. Request by Mayor Pro-Tempore Charlie San Miguel

1. Discussion with possible action to invite all City boards, commissions, and committees to do an annual presentation to City Council, and any other matters incident thereto.
2. Discussion with possible action to implement a construction project managing system whereby contractors are required to submit periodic progress reports, including daily photographs of the work completed, to the Engineering Department or the appropriate city staff, and any other matters incident thereto.

F. **Request by Council Member George Altgelt**

1. Discussion with possible action to provide the necessary leave time and funding for all planners at the Planning Department to become accredited by the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) and to allow HR Department employees leave and expenses to obtain certification in Human Resources.
2. Discussion and possible action to adjust cemetery funds proportional to supply and formally withdraw from the cemetery business once all spaces are filled.
3. Discussion and possible action to fund the construction of those sections of Springfield that are available to the City for purposes of construction.

G. **Request by Council Member Rudy Gonzalez, Jr.**

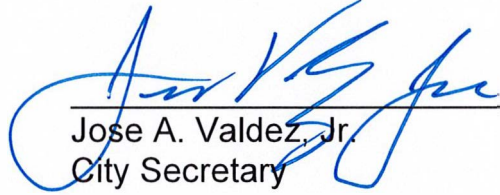
1. Discussion with possible action to deliberate the duties, evaluation and work performance of the City Manager, and any other matters incident thereto. **(Co-Sponsored by Mayor Pro-Tempore Charlie San Miguel)**

H. **Request by Council Member Vidal Rodriguez**

1. Status report on the creation of informative plan for releasing information on the various programs/projects from all different departments through the use of email and/or text messaging available to all residents who have signed up to receive the notification, and any matters incident thereto.
2. Discussion with possible action to direct the City Manager to build new park improvements and amenities at Las Misiones Park in the amount not to exceed \$100,000.00; and any other matters incident thereto. District II priority funds will be used for these project.

XVII. ADJOURN

This notice was posted at the Municipal Government Offices, 1110 Houston Street, Laredo, Texas, at a place convenient and readily accessible to the public at all times. Said notice was posted on Wednesday, August 15, 2018 at 9:30 p.m.



Jose A. Valdez, Jr.
City Secretary

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